ROSEMOUNT
SPIRIT OF PRIDE AND PROGRESS

2023 Special Election

2023 KEY ELECTION DATES	
Friday September 22– Monday, November 6	Absentee ballot voting period: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at County offices or Rosemount City Hall
Tuesday, October 17	Last day to pre-register; closes at 5 p.m. *Your voter registration remains current until you change your residence, your name, or do not vote in four consecutive years. Voters may still register at the polls on Election Day. Pre-Registration saves times at the polls!*
Friday, October 20	Direct ballot voting begins at County Offices only • Western Service Center in Apple Valley • Dakota County Administration Center in Hastings • Northern Service Center in West St. Paul
Saturday, November 4	Extended hours for absentee and direct ballot voting: City Hall Office Hours are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. ***Direct Ballot Voting is only offered at County Offices***
Monday, November 6	Extended hours for absentee and direct ballot voting: City Hall is open until 5 p.m. ***Direct Ballot Voting is only offered at County Offices***
Tuesday, November 7	*Election Day: polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.*

*To learn how to track your absentee ballot, find out where to vote, review a sample ballot and other election information, visit **rosemountmn.gov/elections**.*

UPDATE

Public Works & Police Campus Update

Since June, work on this brand-new facility has been progressing at a rapid pace. Substantial amounts of site work and segments of the exterior walls have already been completed. As the exterior comes together, work will continue throughout the winter months on the interior components. Construction remains on schedule for completion and a move-in date of late fall of 2024. You can follow this project closely by visiting the project webpage at **rosemountmn.gov/PDPW**.

The Winding Path of City Planning and Community Development:
An Update on Connect to Your Future

TWO YEARS AGO, the City unveiled the results of a Commercial Visioning Study (**rosemountmn.gov/growth**). The study gathered input from local experts, staff, and market research to create a long-term vision of what Rosemount could become with partnerships, development, strategic land use and a plan to inspire investment. The goal of that study was to build on what we currently had and create more spaces where residents could live, shop, work and play in a vibrant community – goals shared by our residents and city leaders. If we could achieve such outcomes, we would be well positioned to set Rosemount apart from our larger neighboring cities and actively compete for residents, businesses, retail, and jobs. With these visuals in hand and the support of our City Council, Planning Commission, and Port Authority, our staff was prepared to sell this vision to developers and investors.

Fast forward to today and you can see that these efforts have produced business, housing, and industrial growth along the Highway 42 corridor, bringing us another step closer to our wants and goals. But if you've interacted with us in the past couple of years, you might notice that the developments look a little different than the plans. Let's take a closer look at the process of planning and zoning, what the city does and does not have control over, and how we work with businesses who are looking to invest in Rosemount.

Developing in a smart, safe, and intentional way requires planning. All municipalities in Minnesota are required to create a comprehensive plan document and update it every ten years, as required by the Metropolitan Council. Per the Met Council, "A local comprehensive plan represents a community's vision of how it wants to grow and change — how it will develop its land, redevelop older areas, ensure adequate housing, provide roads and sewers, protect natural areas, and meet other community objectives."

Rosemount's Comp Plan offers a Future Land Use Plan that guides development opportunities as they arise. While the Comp Plan sets the stage for our work, *it does not force any outcome*. For example, if a plot of land is currently zoned agriculture, but the Plan guides for business development in the future, the land would not change to business park until the landowner applies for that change via a rezoning application. At that point, it is their choice on who they sell to.

For example, much of the UMore land has been used for agriculture research for many years. *When the University's Board of Regents decided to sell land to a potential developer*, our Land Use Plan allowed for a change in zoning from Ag to Business Park to align with

SUBSCRIBE TO STAY INFORMED

The City offers many ways for citizens to stay informed on upcoming projects. You can sign up to receive any City Council or Commission meeting notices by going to the **Agendas and Minutes** page under the Government tab on our city website (**rosemountmn.gov/106**). From there, click **Subscriptions**. You will be able to register to receive advance notice when new agendas are posted. In addition, the Agendas and Minutes page is where you can access the supporting information, files, and minutes from past and upcoming meetings. Please note, the supporting files for *upcoming meetings* are posted by Friday of the week prior.

Subscriptions Management		✕
City Council	✉	⬤
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Parks And Recreation Commission	✉	⬤
Port Authority	✉	⬤
Youth Commission	✉	⬤
Utility Commission	✉	⬤
Environment And Sustainability Commission	✉	⬤
City Council Work Session	✉	⬤

the desires of the landowner and the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The future development at UMore Park is then guided by the City's Land Use Plan and the AUAR, *a document which studies environmental impacts*.

In addition, our development practices guide us to make decisions and requirements based on current and future infrastructure needs throughout the entire city. As Rosemount develops, we are constantly assessing the infrastructure demands that fit into our city planning. Regardless of WHO makes an inquiry, our planning process will be guided by the WHAT of a request. Specifically, does the proposed project work within the boundaries of what our current or planned infrastructure can handle.

All cities, including Rosemount, are driven by clear guidelines and process that keep us focused on the WHAT and not the WHO in business development. By abiding this framework as we work with business and landowners, we are supporting a free market economy, land use rights, and continued investment in a strong and successful future for Rosemount.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Some of you may have seen the Vision boards that were used in 2021 to help share our ideas with residents and developers. This update of the well-traveled Akron and Highway 42 intersection shows the winding path that planning and development can take. What you see when you drive by might look a little different, but the overall vision is there. The checkmarks show projects that have come to be. The lightbulbs represent concepts that are currently being explored. While the City is not able to control the outcome of who, what, or when – we can make a difference on how development happens. Through thoughtful city planning, active promotion that Rosemount is open to and supportive of development, and careful review of proposals, we are starting to see our collective vision come to life!

CONNECT WITH YOUR *Health & Wellness*

Life Time (under construction)

Future Retail (under construction)

Amber Fields (under construction)

Multi Family Housing (in construction)

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HWY 42 & AKRON Potential Uses:
- ✓ Recreation Center with Pool
- 💡 Restaurants with Patios
- Salon or Barber Shops
- Coffee or Sandwich Shops
- Chiropractor or Dentist
- 💡 Gas Station
- ✓ Multi-family Residential

SPOTLIGHT NEW BUSINESS:

CONQUER NINJA GYMS ROSEMOUNT
WHERE: 2500 158TH CIRCLE WEST, UNIT #200
VISIT: CONQUERNINJA.COM

ROSEMOUNT FLORAL BY LUCKY LOLA
WHERE: 22978 145TH STREET WEST
VISIT: ROSEMOUNTFLORAL.COM

Flint Hills Recreation Complex Shelter & Trailhead

This 1,600+sq. ft. building, located at 1201 Bonaire Path, will offer restrooms and concessions for the seven soccer/lacrosse/football fields on site. In addition, it will serve as a trailhead for the future Rosemount Greenway. The greenway, expected to be constructed in 2025, will run through the athletic complex and eventually connect Lebanon Hills Regional Park with Spring Lake Regional Park. The trailhead will offer bikers access to parking, restrooms, maps, and a bike repair station.

Looking Back on Code Enforcement for 2023

The summer Sequential Code Enforcement Program draws to a close as the fall and winter season approaches. If you recall from our Spring article in 2023, this program highlights a neighborhood in Rosemount, enforcing code compliance and preventing code violations in the city. The goal is to promote a high quality of life and educate property owners on best code compliance practices. The Sequential Code Enforcement Program in Rosemount ensures residential properties are well-maintained to city and state standards, safe for public and/or private use, and meet neighborhood expectations.

Any residents who were not within City Code were notified via a written notice to give ample time to remedy the violation before an inspector would come out for a second assessment. It is important to note that the Code Enforcement Program is not meant to dictate what one does with their property. It is a preventative tool for residents and the city to comply with the City Code and meet neighborhood expectations.

For additional information regarding code compliance or the sequential code enforcement program, please visit our website and search keyword **Code Enforcement**.

SINCE MAY 2023

163 CODE VIOLATIONS AMONG 146 HOUSEHOLDS: **80%** = LAWNS | GARBAGE & STORAGE | IMPROPER VEHICLE STORAGE

» Free repair help for residents

Dakota County residents can get help repairing household items, clothes, electronics and more at a Fix-It Clinic. These monthly events help reduce unnecessary trash sent to landfills and empower individuals by teaching troubleshooting and repair skills.

Stop by an upcoming Fix-It Clinic on November 18 from noon to 3 p.m. at Robert Trail Library. The event is free, and residents do not need to register to participate.

Repair-savvy volunteers will guide you through each step, from troubleshooting to a completed repair. Bring up to three items that need fixing or mending such as lamps, vacuum cleaners and clothes. You must be able to carry items into the clinic, so no oversized items. Bring any tools and supplies you think might help with the job; however, volunteers have plenty of tools.

For future dates and more information, visit **www.dakotacounty.us** and search Fix-It Clinics.

Partially funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Dakota County.

Public Notices

The first council meeting of each year, the City Council will designate an official newspaper for all required legal documents and notices for the City of Rosemount. For the current year, the Dakota County Tribune has been designated as Rosemount's official newspaper. The Dakota County Tribune is free to Rosemount residents and is published every Friday.

A public notice is a formal announcement made to inform the public about an upcoming meeting of a governmental body. A public notice generally must be provided for meetings of a public body subject to the open meeting law. Open meeting laws are part of broader efforts to promote government transparency and accountability, allowing citizens to be informed about and participate in the democratic process.

The notice requirements depend on the type of meeting. State Statute requires cities to provide notice of most proposed ordinances and public hearings at least ten days before the meeting at which the item is scheduled for a final vote. These types of public notices are published in the official newspaper, posted at City Hall and on the City website. Public Notices can be found on our website by navigating to the Government tab under Transparency.
For more information about the open meeting law or public notice requirements, please contact the City Clerk at **cityclerk@rosemountmn.gov**.

REBATE

Water Efficiency Rebates Still Available – Save Money & Conserve Water!

You can get a one-time rebate on your city utility bill for replacing toilets, washing machines, dishwashers, and other qualifying water efficient upgrades. Some rebates as high as $150! Visit **rosemountmn.gov/rebates** to apply for the Rosemount Water Efficiency Rebate Program and learn about other rebates and grants available to residents.

Mapping the City: How GIS Enhances Your Community

In our ever-evolving world, technology plays a pivotal role in shaping the way we live, work, and play. One such piece of technology that often operates behind the scenes is Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Geographic Information Systems may sound like a complex term, but at its core, it's all about maps and data. Imagine one of the familiar online mapping resources (Google Maps, MapQuest, Apple Maps) on steroids – a robust system that combines various types of information such as roads, buildings, parks, utilities, and even demographic data into a single map. Think of it as a digital atlas that helps us make sense of our City.

SO HOW DOES GIS BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY?

The City of Rosemount employs GIS in numerous ways to improve the quality of life of our residents:

Public Works:
Ever wonder how we keep track of the potholes all over the city? GIS keeps track of all City infrastructure and allows the Public Works Department to efficiently identify issues and schedule repairs.

Emergency Services:
GIS and Computer-Aided Dispatch systems help emergency responders locate incidents faster and more accurately. Whether it's a medical emergency, fire, or natural disaster, GIS ensures that help arrives quickly.
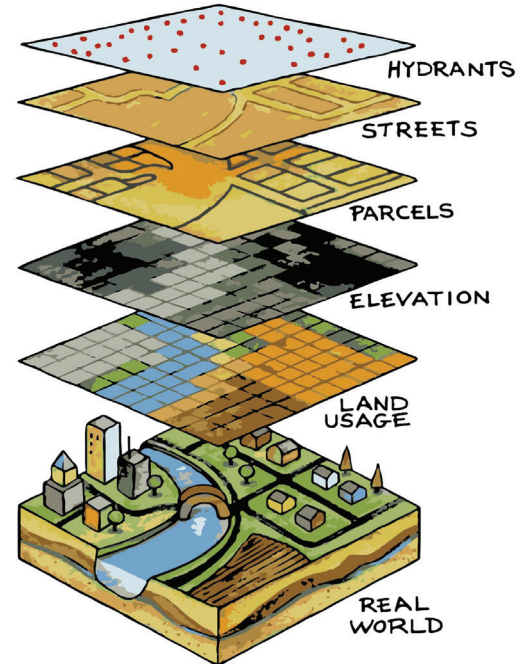
Urban Planning:
When it comes to city planning, GIS is indispensable. It aids in designing efficient transportation systems, zoning, and land use. By analyzing data, city planners can make informed decisions that enhance traffic flow, green spaces, and overall livability.

Environmental Conservation:
Protecting our environment is a priority and GIS plays a pivotal role. It helps in monitoring and managing natural resources, identifying areas of concern, and planning for sustainable development.

Community Services:
GIS improves services for citizens. Whether it's finding a nearby park, locating a polling place during elections, or reporting an issue, GIS makes it all accessible and user-friendly.

HYDRANTS

STREETS

PARCELS

ELEVATION

LAND USAGE

REAL WORLD

The next time you look at a map or find your way with the help of GPS, remember that GIS is working tirelessly behind the scenes to enhance your life. Check out the mapping resources available to you on our City website. Search keywords **city maps**.

PUMPKIN COLLECTION

WHAT: Pumpkin collection

DATE: November 4-5

LOCATION: Central Park parking lot 2875 145th St. W.

Reminders: No excessive wax, paint, or décor; Pumpkins and gourds only.

Prepare for Winter

With winter around the corner the Public Works crew is preparing our fleet of plow trucks and de-icing equipment. Before the snow flies, residents are asked to prepare for the season in the following ways:

KEEP ALL garbage and recycling bins at least 4 feet behind the curb

MARK YOUR CURB LINES to minimize sod damage, especially if you live on a curve. Wooden stakes can be picked up free of charge at the Public Works maintenance building (14425 Brazil Avenue) weekdays through November

TRIM OVERHANGING BRANCHES that may interfere with driver visibility and snowplow equipment – generally, limbs hanging over a street, trail, or sidewalk need to be trimmed up to 12 feet above the surface.

DO NOT PARK on the street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. daily, or any time after a snowfall until the street is cleared curb-to-curb

VERIFY THAT YOUR MAILBOX is structurally sound and installed according to the following parameters:

- Vertical post is set back 10 to 15 inches from back edge of curb
- Bottom of mailbox is 42 to 48 inches off the ground
- Front of mailbox is 0 to 6 inches behind back edge of curb
- Front of paper boxes are flush with vertical post

If you experience sod damage or your mailbox is directly impacted by city equipment, please email **pwadm@rosemountmn.gov** or use our online **Report an Issue** tool.

The amount of time it takes City crews to complete snow clearing throughout town varies based on several factors, including: intensity, total accumulation, type of snow (wet and heavy versus light and fluffy, or if the storm includes freezing rain), and the timing of when the winter storm moves through the City. On average, our crew can complete snow clearing operations on the City's 130+ mile street system in about 8½ hours.

ONE TEASPOON OF SALT POLLUTES 5 GALLONS OF WATER FOREVER

Visit our website to sign up for text and/or email notices regarding snowplow operations. You will be alerted when snowplowing will begin, with helpful reminders about parking restrictions and other important information. Learn more at **rosemountmn.gov/snowplowing**
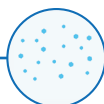

SNOW AND ICE MANAGEMENT TIPS

Shovel early and often

Select the correct product
Salt only works when pavement temperature is above 15°F. (Use a temperature gun to check). In colder temperatures, use different products.

Scatter salt sparingly
Space salt granules 2 to 3 inches apart.

Sweep up & re-use excess salt

Hire certified applicators
Encourage your contractor to become Smart Salt Certified.

OUTDOOR WINTER CLOTHING SWAP

WHAT: Winter Clothing Swap

DATE: November 18

LOCATION: Steeple Center
Room 200/201
14375 South Robert Trail

Reminders: Bring gently-used and clean outdoor winter clothing. Staff has the right to refuse items.

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CITY INFO AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

With so much going on around Rosemount, it is more important than ever for residents to stay informed on important issues, events, and opportunities. While our print newsletter goes out quarterly, City staff works hard to keep you in the know all year long. Here are some popular ways to stay current on the items that matter most to **YOU!**

TOPIC	WHAT	FIND IT
Council and Commission activities	Agendas, Packets, and Minutes	**Rosemountmn.gov/106** Subscribe for notifications!
Council Meeting Recap	A video recap of Council Meetings called the Lowdown with Logan	Facebook and YouTube **@cityofrosemount**
Public Notices	Legal notification of ordinances, planning notices, or code amendments.	Dakota County Tribune City Hall bulletin board **Rosemountmn.gov/684**
General City Updates	Newsworthy updates for residents	Social Media channels **@cityofrosemount** City Website homepage Subscribe for text or email alerts **Rosemountmn.gov/notifyme**
City Calendar	Upcoming City meetings & events	**Rosemountmn.gov/calendar**
Job Opportunities	Apply to work with us!	LinkedIn **Rosemountmn.gov/jobs**
Police Activity	Bi-weekly updates on the work of RPD	Facebook **@rosemountpolicedepartment** Subscribe for updates **Rosemountmn.gov/notifyme**
Parks & Recreation	Parks, trails, and recreation opportunities for all	**Rosemountmn.gov/parks**